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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98-630)

In re the Application of:)
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   David GRABELSKY et al.   )   **Examiner Abdulhakim Nobahar**
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Serial No. 09/270,967   )   **Group Art Unit 2132**
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Filed: March 17, 1999   )
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For: Method and System for Distributed Network   )
       Address Translation With Network Security   )
       Features   )

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

    a. Response to Office Action Mailed March 29, 2005;
    b. Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
    c. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully

submit the following remarks and request an advisory action.

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-39 as

anticipated by Minear, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,350) under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Applicants

submit that Minear does not disclose all the elements of Applicants' claimed invention.

All of the pending claims recite distributed network address translation (*DNAT*) with

security. *DNAT* allows a single routable IP address to be multiplexed among several hosts on a

local stub network, none of which have a globally routable IP address. Thus, for example,

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